

EDITORIAL

Our 1941 Annual Meeting, held November 21 and 22 at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, was one of our largest and most successful. Members came from points as distant as New England, New York City, Georgia, and Winnipeg and they were well rewarded by the program arranged by our Secretary and the Local Committee of Kendeigh and his associates.

The program included not only thirty-three papers and movies but special demonstrations of the work of the University of Illinois Zoology Department and the Illinois Natural History Survey and, last but not least, a rousing auction by James Boswell Young of seven Sutton pictures generously donated by the artist to be disposed of for the benefit of *The Wilson Bulletin* illustrations funds.

The full proceedings of the meeting will be published in our next issue but a few important points may be mentioned here. The new officers are: President, George Miksch Sutton; First Vice-President, S. Charles Kendeigh; Second Vice-President, Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.; Secretary, Maurice Brooks; Treasurer, Gustav Swanson. The 1942 Annual Meeting will be held at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Affiliation was completed with the Georgia Ornithological Society, the Virginia Society for Ornithology, and the Inland Bird Banding Association.

Unreported changes of address continue to cause unnecessary postage bills on forwarding notices and returned *Bulletins*. In so far as members can remember to notify the Editor of these changes we shall be able to use that money for a larger and better illustrated *Bulletin*.

We are grateful for editorial help and suggestions received during the past year from Helen T. Gaige, James Moffitt, Gustav Swanson, and George M. Sutton.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Bernard W. Baker has purchased a 491-acre tract of Sandhill Crane marsh in Calhoun County, Michigan, and presented it to the Michigan Audubon Society as a sanctuary for these rare birds. Further particulars will be found in the forthcoming issue of that society's fine journal, *The Jack Pine Warbler*.

Jessop B. Low and William H. Elder have been appointed wildlife technicians to the Illinois Natural History Survey.

The northeastern states are experiencing an unusual migration of Snowy Owls this year. The large number of records already received seem to indicate that this flight will rival the great invasion of 1926-1927. It is highly desirable to record such cyclic migrations but an adequate account must be based on a great number of widely separated reports. Your co-operation is solicited. Please send records of owls seen or collected to Dr. Alfred O. Gross (Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine) who is compiling the records of this Snowy Owl flight as he has of others in the past. Dr. Gross is also anxious to secure information on the food of these owls. Remember that taxidermy shops are often good sources of Snowy Owl records.

Earl G. Wright, formerly of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, has been appointed Director of the Neville Public Museum, Green Bay, Wisconsin.